

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

S. A. Rubin et al.

Application No.: 09/010,977

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For: TREATMENT OF VIRAL
ENCEPHALITIS BY AGENTS
BLOCKING ALPHA-VLA-4
INTEGRIN FUNCTION

Examiner: Philip Gabel

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Preliminary AmendmentAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the Continued Prosecution Application filed on March 27, 2001 in the above-referenced matter, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 18-19 as follows.

18. (New) A method of treating viral encephalitis in a patient, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of an agent that inhibits leukocyte adhesion to brain endothelial cells.

19. The method of claim 18 substantially as described or exemplified in the specification. —
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